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Synopsis

As a promise, he went out into the world as an assassin. 3 years later, after becoming the Supreme Assassin, he gave up on everything he had and returned to the ranks of ordinary people. But one day, Kismet, a mystical game created by the National Research and Development had appeared.

Enigmatic hands, spectral frame, and one cunning strike just like the swing of the Grim Reaper. Let us take a look at how the Supreme Assassin takes on the mystical world, and how his legendary tales sets off, progressively ascending the altar to becoming the best.

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Chapter 101: Super Potion

After leveling up, Chu Rui's HP was now close to 2000 and his MP was more than 1400. His status was now similar to a level 20 knight without its equipment.

Looking below, Xin Jide was dead. He naturally could not maintain his transformed state and slowly returned back to normal. Moreover, because the poison water did not flow out from his body anymore, it had been diluted by the special formalin. However, the poison had not yet been completely diluted and Chu Rui did not want to soak in the poisoned water, so he could only stare at the dropped equipment and Xin Jide's body. Chu Rui still planned to get them later. The items were his after all and they would not run away. Why would he even panic?

It would be best to first check the system rewards! After completing the quest, the system only gave Chu Rui three recipes, even an idiot would know how precious these recipes were.

Super Potion (I, II, III, IV, V) Recipe: High grade recipe

The fruits of Xin Jide's ten years of research. Allows the player to create Super Potion I-V. Extremely rare.

Super Potion I: Recover HP and MP by 200 every second. 10 second duration!

Super Potion II: Recover HP and MP by 500 every second. 10 second duration!

Super Potion III: Recover HP and MP by 3% every second. 10

second duration!

Super Potion IV: Recover HP and MP by 5% every second. 10 second duration!

Super Potion V: Recover HP and MP by 8% every second. 10 second duration!

My God!

Chu Rui firmly rubbed his eyes again and again.

There's no mistake, there's no mistake!

Fuck!

Am I fucking dreaming?

Chu Rui simply could not believe his eyes. What did this Super Potion Recipe mean? What could it mean? This was not only an incomparable super recovery medicine, but also an unspeakably great business opportunity that no one could copy with huge profits.

What was the most valuable thing in the world?

A monopoly!

[Kismet]'s basic tutorial allows players to understand the basic mechanics, among them the players were most worried about potions. There are three types of potion sold by the system: low grade, middle grade, high grade.

Low grade potions could either restore HP or MP by 10 points per second for 10 seconds.

Middle grade potions could either restore HP or MP by 30 points per second for 10 seconds.

High grade potions could either restore HP or MP by 50 points per second for 10 seconds.

For places like the Beginner Village, only low grade potions were sold. For low leveled cities like Dataja City middle and high grade potions were sold. One step further would be big cities and the Master City. The potion sold there were a level higher with stronger effects —— restore HP or MP by 80 points per second for 10 seconds. As for the Imperial City, there was no announcement from the system yet.

Player's in [Kismet] enter cities at level 10. To enter big cities and the Master City, they need to be level 30. To enter the Imperial City, they need to be level 50. While he was waiting, if Chu Rui could grasp this Super Potion, then he could possess all the riches and make everyone speechless. Even in the later stages, if Chu Rui could make this heaven defying potion, then he would remain unparalleled and no one could compete with him.

Naturally, other players might also obtain such a recipe. However, Chu Rui believed that there was only a single copy of this heaven defying potion's recipe. After all he had completed this incomparably hard quest. If everyone would have a copy of it, then what's the point of the game? However, this did not truly represent that Chu Rui did not have competition. After all there were many potion recipes, his was extremely high-end, but those lower end ones could probably act as soup when eating meat.

Without any hesitation, he tapped the scroll and light momentarily entered his body. When Chu Rui looked at his status screen, his face couldn't help but show helplessness. This Super Potion was indeed very powerful, but the requirements were too high. The lowest grade Super Potion need middle-leveled potion refining skill, Moreover, the materials for the potion were expensive. This was truly a high cost thing.

Life Jobs, whether it was a blacksmith, a tailor or an apothecary, or others, they were jobs that burned money during the early stages. For solo players, their skills have to very high with very high success rates and they can easily produce high quality items, or their luck was very good with low failure rates, otherwise they would have a hard time learning them. Therefore, many Life Job players would find masters to supply with. Moreover, those secret organizations would naturally need them for the organization's development. Many people joined [Kismet] not for the sake of playing, especially those who are in poverty hope to find ways that could improve their lives. These people do not have a talent for fighting so they could only pick Life Jobs. However, no matter which industry it was, they would naturally value elites. Those gangs, factions, mafias, etc. would also require elites or those with high potential. So, the current situation remained with many solo Life Job players.

Chu Rui did not have any friends in these field so he did not have an ideal candidate. As for selling it, he would not agree. This thing cannot be weighed by money. It was a gold mountain that would never decrease. Placing them on the side was a waste, selling them would be impossible, then he could only learn them. Chu Rui originally already planned to learn Medical Arts, Forging Arts and Tailoring Arts, these three Life Jobs.

Putting the Super Potion's matter to one side, with a good start, Chu Rui's expectations for the two other recipes increased.

Voice of the Wind Recipe: High grade recipe.

Allows player to create Voice of the Wind. Reduce Chanting time!

Divine Steps Pills recipe: High grade recipe.

Allows player to create Divine Step Pills. For a short amount of time, explosively increase speed!

Reducing chanting time?

Explosive increase in speed?

Seeing the introduction on the two recipes, Chu Rui became

dazed. Three light-weighted recipe was actually as heavy as a mountain. Three thin papers could actually become millions and millions of gold. Let alone the Super Potion, how could players not have potions? The higher the level of the player the greater the demand for them. Inside the game, no matter what it was, it would have a chance of selling poorly, but only potions would never sell poorly. Moreover, compared to the important potions, Voice of the Wind and Divine Steps Pills were also extremely important. No matter what class it was, once they reached a certain level, they would obtain skills with fixed chant times or even charge times. This is especially so for magicians who rely on their skills to live. Even idiots could understand the benefits it would bring if their chant time was shortened. As for the Divine Steps Pill, it could explosively increase speed for a short time, take note, explosively increase. This thing would definitely be wanted. Whether it was for escaping or chasing, it was incredibly important. This is especially so for rogues like Chu Rui who rely on speed to live.

Without any hesitation, he tapped the scrolls and learned the two other recipes!

Chapter 102: Returning To The City

Closing the recipes column on the status screen, Chu Rui looked below and noticed that the strong green poison had already become diluted.

The poison was already diluted, but even if it was still poisoned, in order to get the equipment before the ruthless system refreshed itself, Chu Rui acted.

Chu Rui jumped down from the broken glass column. Just as his feet landed on the poisoned water, the system immediately beeped.

20 HP per second? Acceptable!

He quickly grabbed all the equipment and used his Gathering Technique on Xin Jide's corpse!

A Gold-class Boss was out of the ordinary, so this mother fucking elementary level Gathering Technique's failure rate was incredibly high.

“Ding, gathering success. Congratulations, you have received one secret scroll! Gathering Technique experience up!”

No more, just this?

Chu Rui was incomparably stunned and looked at the worn out scroll on his hands, and then looked at Xin Jide's fading body. He was completely speechless. Isn't this mother fucker a Gold-class Boss? Couldn't it give something more? With just this little toy, aren't you afraid of losing face?

What's done cannot be undone, there's no use complaining! Chu Rui was not someone who could not let go. Although he would brood about it, he still thought about the three recipes and the equipment he just got, so he did not complain anymore.

Seeing that his HP was at 500 points, and that the poison had already diluted that it wouldn't damage him, Chu Rui explored for a while.

When he determined that there are no secret rooms, his heart unwillingly resigned.

He took out the Return Scroll and returned back to [Taja City](#).

(TL:I don't really understand why it's named Dataja City in previous TLs, but the raws write it as Taja City so I will henceforth use this.)

At this time, it was already daybreak in reality. The summer sun always rose early.

Chu Rui looked at his play time and realized that there is only half an hour left.

Standing in the center of Taja City's Return Plaza, Chu Rui saw that there are more and more people entering the city. This city where he was the first player to enter, gradually became bustling.

Chu Rui looked at the surroundings and the surrounding people looked at him.

This couldn't be helped since most of the player were those who had just became level 10. If they had entered the city earlier, they were elites. As for those left behind the Beginner's Village, they were either new players or those who were not strong enough or some other reason.

Chu Rui was not famous because he had rejected the system in announcing his name when he was given the chance. However, he was still famous for defeating the Greedy Wolves Guild even when he was surrounded by seven people.

At that time, he did not announce his name but looking at him from head to toe others could not help but pay attention to him. Other people were still doing their utmost in completing a set of equipment and turning them into colored equipment. As for Chu Rui, his equipment was already complete. His hands carried two daggers, his finger had two rings and he was wearing a powerful armor. He wore a medal on his chest, an earring on his ear and a necklace on his neck.

Mother fucker, what kind of cheat is this? We are still here trying to complete an entire set of equipment while he already has a complete set with every jewelry available. Could this mother fucker be a GM?

Every player's psych was filled with jealousy. Especially those who thought that they were elites, those who felt that they were not bad. It was not that they could not accept that there were people stronger than them, but it was because they could not accept that they had started the game together with the same play time yet he was stronger than them by a lot. From another point of view, it could mean that he was treating them as trash. This was something that they would never admit.

As for other people's thoughts, a master in the ways of the world like Chu Rui could already tell what they were thinking with a single glance.

Shrugging his shoulders, Chu Rui ignored them. What others think of is their business. He still had a bit more time, so he wanted to see the results of his hard work.

Putting away his dagger, Chu Rui quickly walked towards the center of the city. Although he wanted to run, he didn't want to be caught by the guards. Disturbing the city's law and order was equivalent to paying gold and staying in jail.

After walking for about ten minutes, he finally reached the Appraisal Store.

Unlike the lively scene of the Medical Store, Blacksmith Shop and Dress Shop, the Appraisal Store was completely deserted. Other than a few equipment hunters, there was no one else.

“Brother, did you obtain any good items? If you want to, I can buy them at a price that you are satisfied with!”

Seeing Chu Rui, a bored equipment hunter immediately gave him attention. Looking at his outfit, it was clear that he was very rich.

Chu Rui did not pay attention to them and directly entered the Appraisal Shop.

Seeing Chu Rui did not pay them the slightest bit of attention, a few people showed discontent expression, but they did not dare do anything. It was not that they were scared of Chu Rui, since most equipment hunters work as a group, but it was because Kismet puts priority to player's privacy. If they wanted to disturb other player's inside the city, it would be very hard to do so. This was especially true in the area of the Appraisal Shop. If anybody wanted to cause trouble, then the guards not far away would immediately catch the troublemaker. The punishment was also extremely harsh.

Even if those equipment hunters retaliated, Chu Rui would not be afraid of them.

Walking inside the Appraisal Shop, Chu Rui noticed it was truly too lonely. Inside, there were only 3 cats and an NPC old appraiser. Chu Rui was puzzled. Even if there were only a few players who needed to have their equipment appraised, it should not be as bad as this. Maybe it was because of the current time. Although Kismet was extremely popular, those who can play anytime would probably play in the day instead of early in the morning. In any case player could only play for 8 hours.

With only a few minutes left and being exhausted from the battle, Chu Rui did not waste anymore words and directly walked towards the counter. He then lined up the equipment in a row on the counter.

“What?”

The old appraiser, who was dozing off from the atmosphere, became alert. Even if people came here, they would usually only have broken things appraised, but now a lot of equipment appeared in front of him, even a few amazing goods were among them. This completely awakened the old appraiser.

“Elder, please appraise these for me!”

Although you don't have to be respectful towards NPCs, Chu Rui still continued to maintain proper respect. Especially towards the bosses of the big stores. He felt that it was offensive if he didn't do so, they might even make things difficult for you. However, if you had obtained their favor, they might even give you discounts.

Chapter 103: Dark Gold Equipment: Poison Fang!

“Little brother ain’t bad. You actually obtained this much goods. Moreover, there are quite a few of them that are unique, it’s been such a long time since I’ve seen such a heroic youth. Not bad, not bad!”

The old man stroked his half-white half-black beard and laughed happily.

Chu Rui smiled and did not say anything.

“Let me see! ...a total of 83 gold coins should be enough!”

The old appraiser flipped the pile of equipment and spoke words that made Chu Rui open his eyes wide.

“What? 83 gold coins?”

Chu Rui was stunned, his entire face showed disbelief. 83 coins, and it’s in gold coins! Is this mother fucker deceiving me? Who could bring out 83 gold coins at this point in time?

“How could an old man like me swindle a little child? Moreover, seeing your contribution to Taja City, I have even discounted it.”

The old appraiser looked at Chu Rui’s response and was slightly

angered. He stroked his beard and glared.

Chu Rui bitterly smiled. He naturally knew that the system's stores would not go as far to hinder him, but fuck, 83 gold coins is too much. At the early stages of the game, tens of gold coins were already a huge sum. Chu Rui believed that even Yezekael would not have that much money.

Having such a high appraisal fee naturally means that there was something worth that much money.

Last time, the gold equipment that were appraised did not even exceed 10 gold coins, but now it needed 83 gold coins. With such a huge difference, there might be equipment that surpassed gold class.

Chickens lay eggs and eggs give chickens!

If he did not invest, where would the return come from? Moreover, even if the appraisal cost was expensive, he could just sell the items for a huge sum.

He was originally strong coupling with the fact that he defeated Xin Jide and earned 100+ gold coins, Chu Rui was very rich. He was still able to bring out 83 gold coins.

With money, you can do anything you like! Even an old appraiser like this would become respectful.

After obtaining the money, the old appraiser immediately beamed with happiness as Chu Rui looked with disdain.

Old man, I had brought you such a great business yet you don't even follow up? You truly don't know how to do business.

Handling business was easy with money. Although the old appraiser was a bit greedy, his skills were top notch. By just moving around the pile of equipment he was able to finish appraising them instantly.

After appraising the pile of equipment, the old appraiser smilingly said: "Not bad, not bad. These things are considered to be the highest quality of their class. Especially these three equipment which are considered extremely rare. I didn't expect that they had already been obtained by you. It seems that little brother is quite strong."

Since he had just spent 83 gold coins, Chu Rui's stomach was cramping. At this time, he did not even care for politeness and simply ignored him. He quickly took back the equipment and inspected them. Fuck, this daddy narrowly escaped with his life for this pile of equipment and spent 83 gold coins just to appraise them. If this daddy isn't satisfied, this daddy would definitely peel your mother fucking beard.

Chu Rui only swept the silver equipments a glance and ignored those that were not for rogues. He paid attention to the three pieces of equipment that the old appraiser mentioned. There were two gold equipment and one dark gold equipment!!

Chu Rui tried to suppress his excitement and breathed out. He saved the best for last and started with the gold equipment.

The first equipment was a heavy sword. It was extremely similar to the one that Xin Jide wielded. That unlucky fellow actually dropped his weapon. Chu Rui offered him a moment of silence.

Chu Rui looked at its properties. It was very strong! Its minimum damage was 58, while the highest was 87. It adds 20 bonus strength with one passive skill and one strong sword qi skill. Moreover, warriors and knights could use it. In the beginning of the game, warriors and knights could only serve as meat shields so there were extremely few of them. Warrior were still not bad but knights could only block knives. With this weapon, they would definitely become the main force. Moreover, the skill it had was very strong. It was able to shoot out sword qi at enemies from afar. This was too heaven-defying. As for the power of the skill, if their attack power was high they could instantly kill fragile enemies. The gold long sword that Chu Rui had given Yezekael before was only worth 10,000-100,000 RMB but this gold equipment was at least 200,000 RMB. Naturally, this estimate was only based on the current market price. After half a month, many players would probably reach the level of being able to use this two-handed sword. At that time, the price would most likely skyrocket.

The second equipment was an armor!

Ling Long Chest Guard: Gold Equipment

Defense: 150, +5% defense, +10% counterattack chance

Requirements: Level 20, female players only

Durability: 35/35

Bonus: +30 Vitality

[[Passive Skill](#)] Guard: 50 MP. Raise defense by 20% for 10 seconds. Cooldown: 5 minutes.

(TL: don't ask me how this is a passive skill)

[Active Skill] Ling Long Guard: 100 MP. Negates mortal damage once. Cooldown: 30 minutes

What a strong armor! Not only did it add 150 defense but also increases total defense by 5%. It can also has 10% counterattack chance and adds 30 vitality. It has one passive skill and one active skill, especially that active skill 'Ling Long Guard', that can negate a killing blow once. It could become another lifeline at crucial moments! Unfortunately, it was only for female players. Sigh, forget about it! This thing required level 20 to use, its better to keep it for now and sell it once the price increases!

Chu Rui placed the two gold equipment back into the backpack and picked up the last equipment. It was probably the current strongest equipment in Kismet, a dark gold equipment.

Poison Fang: Dark Gold Equipment

Attack: 142 -258; +10% Lifesteal; +15% Critical Strike

Requirements: Level 20, Rogues only

Durability: 30/30

Bonus: +50 strength, +30 agility

[Passive Skill] Poison Fang: High chance to poison enemy for a long duration. The lower the enemy's poison resistance the longer and stronger the poison.

[Active Skill] Poison Stab: 100 MP. Deal strong a strong stab towards one enemy. 80% chance to ignore defense. 30% chance to damage armor. Applies poison. Deals at least 180% damage. Cooldown: 30 minutes.

[Active Skill] Poison Rush: 200 MP. Continuously attack isolated enemy for 1 second. Minimum of two attacks, maximum based on player's attack speed. Every attack deals 120% damage. After ability activates, deals at least 300% damage. Cooldown: 5 hours

Chapter 104: Excitement Potion

This, this was a dark gold equipment?

Looking at Poison Fang in his hands, Chu Rui emotionally trembled. Explosive attack power, unfair life steal and critical chance, adding to that strength and agility bonus totaling 80 points similar to leveling up 60 times, this was too overpowered. Moreover, it has one passive skill that inflicts poison and two active skill that attacks single targets. This was simply game-breaking at this point in time and it was completely indescribable.

Level 20, it only needed level 20! Level 20 would actually have such a game-breaking equipment. Once Chu Rui reaches level 20 and equips Poison Fang, he would be the most unfair character in the game. At that time, who could even be his opponent? Even if the person was a meaty meat shield, they would not be able to handle 'Poison Rush'. With his speed, he would at least attack three times. No matter who it was they would definitely die!

Chu Rui looked at his own level and experience. Level 19, 76%. Sigh, to get 24% more experience, he would at least need to farm monsters for an entire day. If he didn't fight a Boss monster, then his level would not quickly rise. He could only put aside the strong Poison Fang for now.

“Ding, your playing time has reached 8 hours. For your health, please logout within 10 minutes or else the system will forcefully disconnect.”

Chu Rui, who was very pleased, completely forgot the time and didn't know that 30 minutes had passed. With 10 more minutes, Chu Rui quickly opened his backpack, put every equipment inside and brought out other items that Xin Jide dropped.

Excitement Potion I: Consumable item. Excites the user after consuming. Increase damage by 50% and speed by 30%. Decrease defense by 50%. Duration: 5 minutes. After effect ends, player will be weakened for 1 hour, all stats decrease by 50% (12 bottles)

Excitement Potion II: Consumable item. Excites the user after consuming. Increase damage by 100% and speed by 50%. Decrease defense by 60%. Duration: 5 minutes. After effect ends, player will be weakened for 1 hour, all stats decrease by 60% (3 bottles)

What a powerful potion!

Looking at the two medicine inside his backpack, Chu Rui's eyes became brighter than a light bulb. He had no qualms with the naming, this thing truly made people incomparably excited. This potion was simply the one Xin Jide had taken before. This was too overpowered. Unfortunately, this item was a consumable, using one of them would mean losing one of them and there are no recipes for this. If there was, the prices would definitely be comparable to the Super Potion.

Mysterious Scroll: ??? Unknown. A map seems to be drawn on it. Ability is not high enough to understand.

This was the scroll that he had taken from Xin Jide's corpse. Although he did not know what it was, the description either records a location or a treasure. Unfortunately, his ability was not high enough to understand it. This couldn't be helped. The system did not care how high your stats were, other than special reasons, it would only look at the levels. Chu Rui was only level 19 and was judged to be too weak.

Since the item was his from beginning to end, would it run away?

Chu Rui did not care anymore, the item was in his hands anyways. Naturally the secrets and treasures inside it were also his. There was no need to be afraid of it flying away.

However, speaking of treasures, Chu Rui remembered the treasure map before. It was written that only level 20 can open it. Now he was already level 19, the time for treasure hunting was not far.

Letting go of the matter about the treasure map, Chu Rui grabbed the last thing that Xin Jide dropped — two skill books!

A hidden mission with a hidden boss was just too different. Most of the items could be obtained from normal bosses even if the

normal boss was stronger than the hidden boss. Kismet's treasures were not only those that can be seen from the appearance of the boss, the best treasures were hidden from the beginning until end. If a person wanted strong equipment, unique equipment or one-of-a-kind equipment, then it would be best to find hidden bosses or hidden treasures. The items that these things give would definitely be the most priceless.

Looking at Xin Jide, if Chu Rui did not meet him, he would definitely become more abnormal, especially after he completes his research. At that time, player's equipment would also be on the same or higher level. The items on Xin Jide's would then become worthless. As for the precious recipes and potions, the others could just get them and unlike Chu Rui, they wouldn't be relying on a level 16's strength to fight him. They would probably be able to kill Xin Jide instantly.

Although Chu Rui was not able to get all of Xin Jide's assets, he believed that this was the biggest reward that the system could give. Just the three recipes alone was already a priceless treasure, especially the super potion recipe, even the money would probably be eyed greedily! Moreover, other than recipes, there were also a lot of equipment, even a dark gold equipment popped out. There was also the mysterious scroll and 15 bottles of excitement potion plus two skill books. All of these were extremely rare and could only be dropped by bosses. If Xin Jide gave this much items then what about other bosses?

People value satisfaction!

Right now, Chu Rui was already satisfied!

At first there were god class recipes that could make him rich. Afterwards, a pile of equipment that included a priceless black gold equipment. Following that was 100 gold coins, a secret scroll and Excitement Pills. At the end were two skill books. This was already enough.

[Sword Qi]: Warrior Skill. Shoots out sword qi against an enemy within one meter radius. Requires a sword to use.

Heaven, Earth, mother fucking system. Fuck, why did it have to be a warrior skill!

Chu Rui wanted to cry after looking at the skill book's introduction. This mother fucking abnormal skill was restricted to warriors only, this was simply unfair.

Everyone knew that the greatest weakness of rogues was their weak constitution. Once they were discovered by other job classes or they fall into a trap, then they could be considered dead. However, for Chu Rui, other than having a weak constitution, having his arm broken was also a weakness. It cannot be denied that a rogue's control and speed were their best points. However, they need to fight at close quarters by sticking close to the enemy and stabbing them with a dagger. Unlike archers who could shoot from afar, rogues had weak constitutions and required to get close to the opponent. Hence, the most important thing for rogues was skill. This was the reason why there were only a few players who chose the rogue job. In the later stages of the game, rogues would

probably use poisons, theft, and there would also be a few long distance skills. They would have a comfortable gaming experience. However, who could wait until that moment? Could it be that they would allow themselves to be bullied at the early stages of the game?

Chu Rui dejectedly shook his head and tossed the [Sword Qi] back inside his backpack and inspected the other book.

“Ding. You have already reached 8 hours of play time. For your health, please log out within 10 seconds. 10, 9, 8....”

As the system beeped, Chu Rui was startled! Only 10 seconds left. Chu Rui helplessly smiled. Time goes by so fast!

His hand lifted a skill book in his hand and looked at the four words written on it

Blood?

His vision darkened and only read one word before the system forcefully logged him out!

Chapter 105: Little Loli Su Meimei (1)

As he opened his eyes, the sun was already high up and it was almost noon.

Putting down the game helmet. Chu Rui touched his body. Sweat had drenched his clothes and stuck to his body.

He started playing from 3 o' clock in the morning for 8 hours and now it was already time to eat lunch.

Although he was very hungry, Chu Rui still chose to take a bath first. The sticky sweat was very unpleasant.

When he opened the bedroom door, he heard a weak voice and at the same time a fragrant aroma wafted inside.

This was the smell of food!

Chu Rui suddenly gulped his saliva. At this moment nothing else could compare to the attractive force of food.

Eh, why is there such an aroma?

Chu Rui's expression became sluggish so he slapped his forehead. This game had turned him into an idiot. Yesterday he had picked up a little loli at the park. It was just a night ago and he almost forgot about it.

Entering the kitchen, Chu Rui saw a petite figure wearing large clothes with an apron on top busying herself on the stove.

He slightly swept a glance at the kitchen and saw a pot of congee. On the side, two simple yet delicate cold dishes and a pot of something that is being cooked. He then saw the little loli holding a kitchen knife as she peeled the potato.

“You...woke up!”

Seeming to have felt something behind her, the little loli turned around and looked at Chu Rui’s naked body with only his underwear. She couldn’t help but blush and turn around. Although she pretended to not mind as she continued to peel the potato, her hands were slightly trembling.

Seeing this situation, Chu Rui laughed and didn’t say anything. He turned around and entered the bathroom.

He immediately took a cold water bath and felt revived. With a good mood he walked out of the bathroom.

“Tha...that..the food is ready!”

Seeing Chu Rui come out, the little loli muttered shyly.

Regarding the shyness of the little loli, whose name he did not

know, Chu Rui slightly smiled. Chu Rui did not intend to mind it instead he appreciated it.

A loli has 3 good things: a pure voice, a soft body, and easy to push over!

This kind of faint shyness, pure expression, and blushing cheeks were a loli's best features. In order to not break this sense of beauty, Chu Rui naturally did not say anything.

“Such a fine meal, you are truly skillful!”

Even if the loli in front of him was a charming beauty, it was not as attractive as the food on the table.

One pot of porridge, one plate of radish salad, one plate of scrambled eggs, and one palate of julienned potato.

Although the dishes were very simple, Chu Rui drooled.

As long as food was concerned, Chu Rui did not know modesty. Food is the God of the people. Eating when you are hungry is a natural thing.

Without the slightest hesitation, Chu Rui already begun to dig in the cooled porridge. He then proceeded to pick up a few pieces of radish with his chopsticks and directly stuffed them in his mouth.

It had a refreshing taste that carried a faint sweetness. A small amount of sesame oil and chili gave it a spicy flavor and yet it did not cover the taste of the radish.

Simple yet elegant, fragrant and delicious, spicy and just right.

This kind of flavor was very close to top class restaurants. It was unimaginable that this loli actually have such good cooking skills.

Chu Rui widened his eyes in amazement and then took a glance at the worried loli. Chu Rui did not say anything and gave her a thumbs up. Afterwards he did not pay her any more attention and began wolfing down the food.

Seeing Chu Rui's appearance, the little loli smiled and also picked up the bowl and ate slowly.

Chu Rui had eaten a half pot of congee and the side dishes on the table were licked clean.

Perfectly satisfied, Chu Rui rubbed his stuffed stomach and burped a few times.

Seeing the little loli clearing up the table, Chu Rui did not say anything. He returned to the living room and turned on the television.

“Kismet....”

“Kismet....”

“Kismet....”

“Kismet....”

He continuously changed channels. Chu Rui became speechless as all of them were talking about Kismet. When he attentively looked, even news channels were talking about Kismet.

One abnormally magical scene was shown. A popular film star appeared wielding a divine sword battling an evil dragon. Sword light flashed, dragon breath flew everywhere, this was a scene that can be described as heaven falls and earth rends. However, just as justice prevailed over evil, just as the brave defeated the evil dragon, the scene suddenly returned to reality. The film star, wearing fashionable clothes, got up from the bed and suddenly let out a heaven shaking sound. Afterwards, biscuit crackers, with different packaging and flavors, appeared in front of the television. At the same time a single line appeared: Battling in the world of Kismet, start your heroic journey today. XX biscuit will give you its energy, helping you go through a hundred battles!

Chu Rui’s face continuously twitched. Who the fuck was rich enough to actually show this kind of mother fucking advertisement!

Changing the channel, Chu Rui reached his favorite nature channel. In the past, he loved to watch these kinds of programs to

understand the big wide world or to understand the secrets of history.

“Kismet...” The familiar words once again popped up. Chu Rui’s face once again twitched,

Fortunately, the nature channel was not as excessive as other channels. The channel dug up news about Kismet’s origins. At the same time there were many classic channels that talked about Kismet ranging from the backgrounds of the game, to PK’s. They were simple dazzling.

After looking at the television for about twenty minutes, the corner of Chu Rui’s eye caught the figure of the timid loli.

With his hearing ability, he had already heard the sound of water stop since a while ago. This little loli did not know what to do after washing the dishes so she just stood there staring blankly. Only after ten minutes had passed did she walk out.

The little loli appeared so Chu Rui naturally moved his eyes away from the television and onto her body.

Feeling Chu Rui’s gaze, the little loli became flustered as her cheeks blushed red.

Chu Rui had traveled far had wide these few years. He had already forgotten which countries he had went to but did not forget what he saw. However, this was the first time Chu Rui met a

little loli with a shy expression. Moreover, this top grade little loli was so close to him and they were both alone.

Chapter 106: Little Loli Su Meimei (2)

From ancient times before an army makes a move there is a saying that goes 'an army marches on its stomach' and this is still true until now!

Whenever they locate their target, assassins would not charge ahead and sweep forward with a submachine gun nor would he just stay in one place with a sniper rifle. This was only something low class assassins do. A smart and highly skilled assassin would plan just like planning a war. From strategies to deployment to implementation, all of them have complete plans.

If they wanted to effectively, successfully and safely eliminate their target, they would undoubtedly need careful preparation. Moreover, information was the most important part of it.

Since ancient times, there was place where people from all different trades gather while blending with society. Here, different types of information could be obtained. Dragons and snakes mingle there and all of them were evil monsters. Whether it was major information or secret information, everything could be obtained!

In the modern world, the place where fishes and dragons mixed together was not in a tavern anymore but a bar and other similar locations. Most probably everyone in the world knew what kind of people come to these bars. At night, lonely people who try to seek excitement also go there. As a result, there are many different sides to it. Chu Rui had also done such things but everyone understood that it was only trying to play along. He was an expert at hiding

himself among flowers but he was still a virgin at heart. Facing this strange atmosphere, he did not know what to do.

One was a virgin at heart and didn't know what to do. The other was a loli that had never seen the world! The two of them did not speak nor did not make any movements. One raised his head and went off on a mental journey while the other lowered her head as her heart thumped loudly. The scene was extremely awkward but also incredibly funny.

“Cough...that, what's your name? My name is Chu Rui, meaning distinct and acute!” Chu Rui awkwardly spoke. As a man, he was trying to assert himself, how could he let a delicate loli speak first? He not only spoke with politeness but also looked at the other party in the eyes!

The confused loli that had been stared at by Chu Rui became a bit frenetic. After yesterday's matter, she was not an ignorant novice anymore. What was the current situation? A man and a woman in a room alone! Moreover, this was somebody else's house. If he wanted to do something to the weak her, she simply would not be able to do anything.

“My name is... Su Meimei!” the little loli spoke in a soft voice just like a mosquito. If not for Chu Rui's acute hearing, he would not have heard it.

Seeing the scared little loli like a little quail, the corner of Chu Rui's mouse could not help but twitch.

“Su...Meimei!” Chu Rui called out awkwardly and asked: “Where do you live? Let me send you back!”

Hearing Chu Rui’s words, Su Meimei raised her head in astonishment. She seemed to not believe that the man who saved her would not do anything to her. She was very confident in her looks and charm. Up until now there was only one type of gaze that the surrounding men had used to look at her.

“What’s wrong?” Seeing Su Meimei’s strange gaze, Chu Rui couldn’t help but ask while rubbing his face.

“Thank you for saving me last night! How can I repay you? Su Meimei softly said.

Repay? Would you devote your life to me?

This kind of thought rose from his heart which astonished even himself.

“Repay? You already repaid me! Thank you for lunch!” Chu Rui slightly smiled and pointed to the kitchen.

Seeing the smile on Chu Rui’s face, Su Meimei was surprised. Facing her words, the man in front of her actually did not have any other request? Could it be that her charm fell?

“That, can you let me live here?”

She secretly sized up Chu Rui. Although she did not know what kind of person he was, she relied on what her intuition told her that he was not a bad person. When she thought of her own situation, she contemplated a long time before gritting her teeth and spoke these words.

“What?”

Chu Rui was shocked at Su Meimei’s words. Live here? What kind of situation was this? Could this be a fucking joke? I am a man living alone and also young and vigorous. In this blistering hot and agitating summer, I am at my most impulsive state. What is this girl thinking? She actually dared say these words?

However, when Chu Rui thought about it, when he saved her not a single article on her was not from famous brand. Moreover, her manners were elegant, her skin was fair, especially her hands were incredibly soft as if she had never done any heavy labor before. This Su Meimei was definitely not an ordinary person and her house should also be thriving. This kind of girl should have been extremely doted on but yesterday she was almost done in by two hoodlums, and today she actually asked a hot-blooded young man if she could live with him. What kind of situation was this? Could it be the legendary ‘melodramatically leaving from the rich family’ setting?

“Oh, you want to live here?” Chu Rui rubbed his chin and smilingly asked.

“N!” Seeing Chu Rui’s expression, Su Meimei became timid. However, she was not an idiot, before this Chu Rui did not show that kind of expression but now when she told him she wanted to live here, there would definitely be conditions.

“I can let you live here. However, you have to give remuneration.” said Chu Rui as he squinted his eyes. His tone was like a big bad wolf tricking a small rabbit.

“Wh... what.... remuneration!” Su Meimei became flustered at Chu Rui’s gaze and timidly asked.

“If you want to live here, I will not receive rent from you. However, I will leave all the housework to you, especially cooking food! As for other matters, you don’t need to worry about them.” Chu Rui indifferently smiled. Although he knew that this girl was not simple, he was the Crimson Shadow Ghost, who was he afraid of? In comparison, he wanted Su Meimei to stay, this way his stomach would be at ease. This way he would not have to go outside to eat breakfast, nor eat instant noodle for lunch, nor exhaustively go to Sister Qin’s place anymore. Although this Su Meimei was delicate and weak, her skills were unquestionable. Moreover, having a little loli at home was visually pleasing.

“ ... ”

She raised her head and saw Chu Rui’s indifferent smile. When she looked in his eyes, she did not see the things that could make her alarmed. Thinking about her own situation, Su Meimei only thought for a bit and nodded her head in agreement. In any case she loved to cook, there was no problem cooking for one person.

Just being able to find a place to stay in exchange for doing housework was already worthwhile.

Seeing Su Meimei nod, Chu Rui's heart became incredibly excited.

Chapter 107: Accompanying The Loli To Buy Underwear

Afternoon, four o'clock!

“Meimei!”

Chu Rui who just woke up from a nap walked out of the room and knocked on Su Meimei's room.

“Ah! I'm here, what's wrong?”

Su Meimei slightly panicked as her room was suddenly knocked on.

“Do you have time? If you have time, go out with me.” Chu Rui asked.

“Go...out? Wh... what are we going to do?”

Su Meimei's voice became timid and soft. If [Guai Shuli](#) was here, he would definitely get a nose bleed from her extremely soft voice.

(Last: Guai Shuli: Internet slang for old uncles with lolita complex – you get the picture)

“We will buy you some clothes and then a few necessities and food!”

Chu Rui stretched his shoulders. Although he had a slight inclination of teasing Su Meimei, this little loli might take his words as real. Moreover, there were still many chances for them to go out together, since it was already quite late, Chu Rui didn't want to delay anymore.

“Ah...oh, wait a minute!”

The surprised cry inside soon became a trembling noise.

He went to the wash room to wash his face and when he came out, the room was already opened and Su Meimei was standing under the door, waiting for him.

Seeing Su Meimei still in his clothes, Chu Rui's head hurt. This little girl's clothes had been torn yesterday and all the clothes that he had were for males. There were no clothes that fit her at all. If it was normal clothes, Chu Rui could just buy them. However, this little girl only had one set of clothes. If she planned to live here, she would need underwear and female necessities. Chu Rui could not help her buy those. Okay, if it were necessities, Chu Rui could just thicken his face to go buy them. However, he did not have the courage to go buy underwear. Furthermore, Chu Rui did not dare ask Su Meimei's cup size. If he did it, it would be weird if he wasn't treated as a pervert.

He returned to the room to find a pair of jeans and a relatively small short sleeved T-shirt and gave them to Su Meimei. After wearing it, the clothes were a bit wide but appeared to have a

distinct style. As for footwear, any random sandal would do. Afterwards, they immediately went out.

Chu Rui wore beach shorts with a sleeveless shirt and a pair of flip-flops, as if he was going to Hawaii for vacation!

Su Meimei wore jeans with a wide male T-shirt and a pair of sandals. She looked extremely strange!

This pair of exotic combination walked down the street and immediately arose everyone's attention.

Although Chu Rui was not super handsome, he was still in the delicate and pretty category. With his temperament and sharp contours, plunging neckline that showed his Adam's apple, and shorts that almost showed his underwear made females constantly stare at him. As for Su Meimei, although she was dressed strangely, her face and blond hair appeared as if a doll-like cute loli face. It attracted the eyes of boys under 15 and uncles above 40. They looked at Chu Rui with an extremely jealous expression. This extremely high-quality loli was obtained by this damned beach short boy.

Chu Rui completely ignored the gazes of the people but Su Meimei was not able to. She was originally extremely shy and had never seen the world before. Being stared at by so many people, she did not know what to do and her mind became muddled. She could only blindly follow Chu Rui.

He brought Su Meimei and strolled the business street. Chu Rui

did not know how much stares of despise, disdain, anger, threatening, and murderous he had received. Even if, he completely ignored these weak stares, being stared at for no cause at all made him feel gloomy. After buying clothes for Su Meimei and after she recovered her original appearance, the situation began getting out of hand. Chu Rui simply became the object of everyone's venting.

“This... I can do it myself!”

They came to large store. When Su Meimei saw the objects displayed, her face reddened and spoke with extreme shyness.

“Eh...”

Chu Rui looked at the brightly colored underwear and his face stiffened. He awkwardly nodded his head.

“Brother, so you are accompanying your girlfriend to buy underwear!”

Sitting in the rest area, a youth of about 20 years old immediately spoke.

Chu Rui looked at Su Meimei, who already entered, and made sure she did not hear the youth. He then nodded his head. This matter was impossible to explain. If it was not you were not accompanying your girlfriend to buy underwear, then it clearly showed you were inviting scorn!

“Haha, not bad, not bad! Truly a high quality loli. Brother’s eyes aren’t bad, your methods are extremely impressive, even this kind of girl was taken by you!” the envious youth raised a thumb at Chu Rui.

Chu Rui laughed without saying anything.

“I wonder when can I obtain such a high quality loli. Thinking about the tigress at my home, sigh. They are both people, but why was their gap so huge. She still hasn’t married in yet and is already like that. If she married in, would I still have a chance to get out of this predicament? Why is my fate so dark!”

The mournful youth complained about his hardship with grief. Seeing that expression, Chu Rui was unable to hold back his smile.

“Hey, until when are you just going to foolishly sit there? Quickly come help me tie the bag.”

Just as the youth was showing his Oscar-winning performance, a delicate and pretty girl suddenly came out and called him.

“Yes, right away, right away.”

The mournful face of the youth immediately changed into a flattering smile.

Chu Rui looked at the figure and became momentarily speechless. This mother fucker truly met with a high class good!

After the noisy couple went away, peace once again returned. Men who accompany their girlfriends to buy underwear were not few. However, those who sat outside like Chu Rui were only two. The funny youth before was one of them so now he was alone.

Since there was nothing to do, Chu Rui took out his cellphone and began playing a game.

After about twenty minutes, Su Meimei's voice came from the side.

“Chu Rui, I have finished choosing!”

Her voice was truly like a mosquito. If Chu Rui's hearing was not good enough, he would probably not have heard it.

He put his phone back into his pocket, stood up from the seat, and entered the store.

Chu Rui could not help but think that this fucking store's prices were expensive. However, the land here was extremely expensive, such a huge store could not be compared to street stalls. Although the materials were the same, their workmanship, quality, design, and brand could not be compared to street stalls. Regarding clothes, women would rather not eat or eat less to buy them. As for men, clothes and cosmetics were indispensable in order to curry

favors. As a result, high-class female luxury goods were expensive. Even if people knew how expensive the items were, many people still buy them. This was already a mentality that could not be changed to show their superiority and tastes.

Chapter 108: You Want To Get On Top Of Her? (1)

When he walked into the store, Chu Rui was truly stunned by the neatly displayed and brightly colored underwear. He was not an extreme lover of these kinds of things but he was still speechless when he saw those things that covered a woman's most secret spot.

Su Meimei, who was originally embarrassed by bringing a man to look for underwear, became even more embarrassed when she saw Chu Rui's expression. Her face was so red that steam could be seen coming from it.

“Just two kinds?”

Chu Rui, who walked towards the counter, slightly wrinkled his brows when he saw that there were only two bags. Although the feeling of accompanying a cute little loli in buying underwear wasn't bad, he didn't want to come back here multiple times. She only bought one kind of underwear, even if the one she originally wore was added, there were only two and it was only enough to alternate them. In such a hot weather, this was definitely not enough.

“Just this much?”

Chu Rui turned around and dumbfoundedly asked.

Being asked by Chu Rui, Su Meimei lowered her head as she fiddled with her fingers.

Chu Rui's head slightly ached. He understood Su Meimei's thoughts. Although this girl looked weak, her self-esteem was very strong. If not for the fact that she had no choice, she would not come and spend his money. All girls love dressing up. Right now, she did not care about dressing up, she only wanted there to be enough to change her clothes daily.

“Handsome, our store still has a wide selection. Your girlfriend is so beautiful, whatever she wears would be beautiful.”

Listening to Chu Rui and Su Meimei's conversation, a salesgirl came and spoke to them. As a sales staff, she naturally knew what to say, what not to say, and what to say in order to be a bit tactful.

Being called his girlfriend, Su Meimei's ears reddened. Although Chu Rui's mind was shaken, he still maintained his calm expression.

“Bring her to pick a few more!”

Chu Rui told the beautiful sales staff. The latter smiled and nodded her head.

“I... I don't need it!”

Su Meimei softly spoke.

“Buy a bit more! Having a few more to change into in this hot weather is better.” Chu Rui indifferently said.

Love of beauty and cleanliness were innate tendencies of women. Hearing Chu Rui’s words, Su Meimei did not insist anymore. Since she had already bought something, she already owed him, what’s wrong with increasing it. Moreover, having only two sets of underwear for a person like her, who is obsessed with cleanliness, was out of the question.

“Beautiful, please come this way. The ones here are today’s new arrival, you will definitely like them.” The sales staff smiled and professionally led the way.

“Remember to buy a few more, I will wait for you here!” Chu Rui naturally did not follow along. Moreover, Su Meimei was not related to him. How was it proper for him to observe a female’s private article?

“Handsome, are you not coming?” Listening to Chu Rui’s words, the beautiful sales staff turned around with astonishment.

“This... I’m good!” Chu Rui smiled in embarrassment. He truly found this matter a bit embarrassing.

“A woman makes herself beautiful for her sweetheart. As the boyfriend, how could you not come? You must know that when we, women, dress up, we are trying to let men see it. Moreover, your girlfriend is trying to dress up to let you see. If you did not

enjoy it, what meaning is there to beauty?” It can be seen that this beautiful sales staff was an extroverted and lively girl. It was very rare to meet this kind of person who would ignore the customers wishes.

Hearing this, Chu Rui couldn't help but stare blankly and shot a glance at Su Meimei. She noticed his gaze and her blushing face became redder.

Perhaps it was because of her embarrassment, she did not retort. Since she did not retort, Chu Rui did not evade the topic anymore and followed along.

When they arrived at the new arrivals section, that the sales staff talked about, Chu Rui became stunned. He finally understood why this girl diligently wanted to bring him here. The items here were indeed very hard for women to sincerely choose from if men did not follow. This was because the items sold here were appealing underwear!!! This appealing underwear were what women wear to show men. Different people have different tastes. If women wanted to win over men, they needed to know their tastes. If there was a man giving advice on the side, then the underwear would be to his tastes. If this underwear was worn then they would truly be appealing.

“Ah...”

Seeing the underwear here, Su Meimei couldn't help but softly cry out. Her blushing face further reddened.

“Little sister, no need to be embarrassed, you would have to come

in contact with these kinds of things sooner or later.

Looking at Su Meimei's expression, the sales staff slightly smiled. It seemed that this little loli had seen these kinds of underwear before. However, she would definitely be embarrassed with so many people around.

"Th, there is no need for this. Let's return to the other side instead."

The corner of Chu Rui's mouth slightly twitched and turned around, wanting to return to the previous location. Although he wanted Su Meimei to wear this for him to admire, this was only the thoughts of a normal man and not really something he would go mad over. Su Meimei was clearly not a simple person. The most important thing was that he did not have any feelings for her. Moreover, she was so small. Chu Rui did not want to become his most detested thing, a rapist. Chu Rui did not want to have sex without any feelings because this was just venting out one's desires. It's fine if people called him stubborn and obstinate, in any case he was this kind of person.

Ignoring the strange gaze behind him, Chu Rui walked out of the appealing underwear section without looking back.

He stood at the normal underwear section for a while but didn't see Su Meimei's figure.

Could it be that that girl truly picked an appealing underwear?

Evil thoughts swirled in Chu Rui's mind. His brain couldn't help but imagine Su Meimei wearing some of the appealing underwear that he saw a while ago. For a moment, his heart beat quickened and his face reddened.

After waiting for a while more, Chu Rui looked at the time. Almost twenty minutes had passed and yet they still haven't come out.

Wrinkling his brows, Chu Rui hesitated a bit and in the end walked back.

"Beautiful, listen to me and pick these. These would definitely make you shine."

"These are also not bad. I guarantee that they would fit you! If you wore them, people would definitely go crazy for you!"

"Yup, there's also this. They are all good. How about I buy them all for you and then let me send you back by car."

"....."

Just as he walked back, Chu Rui heard a disgusting crow-like cawing voice. When he looked, he saw a pale faced, eye-sunken youth standing beside Su Meimei and incessantly fawn upon her. It seemed that he was introducing himself to Su Meimei but anyone could see the glint in his eyes. Even an idiot could understand what he was thinking. A youth with drunken expression was

recommending an extremely appealing and sexy underwear to a beautiful loli, this mother fucker was already sexually harassing her!

Chapter 109: You Want To Get On Top Of Her? (2)

Su Meimei was afraid of looking at the youth in the eye. This was because the light in his eyes were the same as the ones she met before. Moreover, it was much more explicit and sinister. She lowered her head and couldn't run away since her road was blocked by the man. Her expression was full of anxiety and looked towards the direction Chu Rui left from. However, when she did not see anyone, she panicked to the point of crying.

Seeing Su Meimei's eyes gradually redden, the beautiful sales staff could hardly endure anymore. This cute little loli was just like a doll, if it was a woman, they would love and protect her. However, as a sales staff, she did not dare say anything towards the customers. Although she knew what the playboy was planning, his performance looked like he was kindly introducing underwear to Su Meimei. Even if she had the urge to berate him, as a staff of the shop, she would probably lose her job once she did so.

Why is that other guy not coming yet?

The beautiful sales staff could only entrust the little loli to her boyfriend since she could not do anything at all.

Su Meimei, who could strike the hearts of men and women, could easily obtain a favorable impression. However, that was only in normal situations under the vision of normal people. Although the beautiful sales staff had a very good opinion of Su Meimei, the seductive woman besides the youth did not have the same opinion. Seeing his own man show an expression that even an idiot could

understand, she immediately couldn't help but resent Su Meimei.

“Dear, this underwear is so beautiful, I'll wear this for you tonight!” The seductive woman coyly acted like a spoiled child in front of the youth.

“Okay, okay. Look at it yourself, if you have anything you like just grab it.” With a small rabbit in front of him, the youth completely ignored the used toy besides him. There was huge difference in quality between her and Su Meimei. He simply did not look at her anymore and waved his hand to make her leave. Then he made his move on Su Meimei.

After seeing the youth's actions, the seductive woman's expression turned into resentment. Their relationship was only a simple one. The reason he looked at her was because of her body. And the reason she looked at him was because of his money. However, in this kind of situation, even if their relationship was an emotionless business transaction, he should have at least called her his lover, right? By flirting with another woman in front of her, wasn't he slapping her in the face? Saving face is very important for men, it is also true for women especially when they are competing with another.

Su Meimei, who had been harassed by the youth, finally cried. Those hazy tears did not give the youth feelings of guilt, on the contrary it attracted his eyes more. Originally, he was only using words to harass her, but now his heart began to itch. The fragrance that entered his nose almost made him lose control of himself and he began to use his hands.

At this time, Chu Rui just entered again and saw the scene.

Although he did not know what was happening, by deducing from the things he heard and Su Meimei's crying appearance, he had guessed eighty percent of it. His gaze coldly swept the youth a glance. Chu Rui gloomily walked towards the youth.

Seeing Chu Rui, Su Meimei's lovely yet pitiful expression immediately changed. The fear in her eyes cleared out as she remembered Chu Rui's might during yesterday's incident.

Seeing Su Meimei raise her head and the tear on face, Chu Rui's heart clenched. Although they were only acquaintances for a day and have yet reached the point of having any attachments to each other, they were still going to live together in the future and she was his tenant. In the future, his five viscera were going to rely on her. Even if these things did not matter, Su Meimei, this lovely loli, being bullied was something unacceptable. This was especially true if the other party was a vulgar and disgusting man.

When the beautiful sales staff saw Chu Rui, she immediately relaxed a bit. However, when she thought about how the youth in front of him might be rich or powerful, she wondered how Chu Rui would deal with him. Although Chu Rui's air was out of the ordinary, his clothes still made others speechless. The beautiful sales staff intently watched Chu Rui!

Su Meimei's expression lead to the youth's attention. The little loli's tear-stained face, her bright and destructive expression almost made the wolf inside him burst out.

Unfortunately, her gaze did not land on him so this made the youth extremely unhappy. When he turned around, he only saw a person wearing sleeveless shirt, beach shorts and a pair of flip-flops coming over. That extremely weird appearance almost made the youth's brain overload.

“Let's go!”

Chu Rui completely ignored the youth and the seductive woman that was staring at him. He just walked over and pulled Su Meimei's hand, preparing to leave.

Su Meimei's face reddened. However, she did not dodge not struggle against it. At the very least, she felt that Chu Rui was much more reliable than the disgusting youth in front of her.

Seeing that two people directly leave, the youth, the seductive beauty and the beautiful sales staff momentarily stiffened. The youth could not believe that he was just ignored like this. The seductive woman, on the other hand, was surprised. In the upper society, stealing another person's woman was simply making enemies, not because of the woman but because of the reputation. As for the beautiful sales staff, she originally wanted to see a good play but she did not imagine that Chu Rui would be so terrified and immediately became helpless.

The world could not exist without these kinds of garbage. However, Chu Rui did not want to become the garbage collector and did not want to waste his time here. When he saw the youth,

he knew that he was only a second generation and did not want to lower himself to such a level. In this time, he would rather go home and sleep comfortable. In such a hot weather, wasn't moving without thinking just asking trouble for yourself.

“Wait!”

However, Chu Rui did not want any trouble, but trouble found its way towards him.

Chu Rui wanted to ignore him and pulled Su Meimei to continue walking.

“This daddy is telling you to wait, did you not hear me?”

The youth that was ignored again was burning with rage. His temper was already quite bad, in such a hot weather his mood became much more impatient. Moreover, his loot was about to be taken away, so how could he endure it?

Seeing the youth quickly running over to block him, Chu Rui's eyes flashed with killing intent. He was an assassin not a pacifist. The blockhead in front of him kept provoking his taboo and pressed hard again and again. Just because Chu Rui had separated himself from the world of hit men, it did not mean that he did not have a temper.

Chapter 110: You Want To Get On Top Of Her? (3)

“Is there a problem?” Chu Rui coldly asked.

With a gloomy expression, Chu Rui looked at the fearless kid in front of him.

“You can go but leave the beauty.” The youth spoke arrogantly.

Although he was astonished by Chu Rui’s expression, the youth thought about his own house’s power and resolutely pointed at Su Meimei.

“Oh?”

Chu Rui looked at the youth with a surprised expression. Although there were many dark places in China, it was still a country where the law was above everything. This kid dared to say such things in such a huge place. He was clearly trying to kidnap a woman in daylight in such a bold manner as if the law was on his side. Could it be that his background was not simple?

Chu Rui smiled. Even if this youth was the president’s descendant, anyone who provoked Chu Rui would undoubtedly be killed. He did not believe that even the president’s descendant could call the army to kill him. As an assassin, Chu Rui was not only exceptional in killing people, he was also exceptionally good at concealing himself. If anyone wanted to find him, they would

not be able to.

“You want to get on top of her?”

Chu Rui did not answer the youth's question. Instead, he looked at him with interest and said words that would make the surroundings laugh.

The youth was slightly dumbstruck and looked at Chu Rui with astonishment. What kind of mother fucking situation was this? In front of so many people, in such a huge store, he actually dared to say such things.

Hearing what Chu Rui said, the beautiful sales staff looked down on him. She probably thought that Chu Rui would sell such a cute little girl to reach a compromise. These kinds of spineless men are what women hate and despise the most.

As for the seductive woman, she became unsightly. Originally, she thought that Chu Rui would directly destroy the lust of the youth towards Su Meimei and not allow him to succeed. However, from the current situation, Chu Rui spinelessness made her hopeless. She wasn't ugly and had a great figure. Moreover, she was extremely knowledgeable on how to make men fall. However, men liked fresh things more than old things and would immediately replace them. This was a fact. Even if she was still young, she couldn't stop the youth's curiosity towards new things. Moreover, the target of his lust was an absolutely beautiful loli, that all men would be interested in especially a pervert like him. Although they had known each other for a long time now, she did not have any kind of emotional attachment to him. In the eyes of

other women, she had only eaten the rice of youth. When she became old, who would remember her beauty? In order to live a better life, she had no choice but to rely on her youth to struggle. If it was an ordinary man, she would not care at all. However, this man was hard to find. He did not only have money but also have authority. She couldn't help but want to take a bit more for herself.

Su Meimei suddenly tightened her grasp on Chu Rui's hand. Although she was a loli on the outside and was fresh and pure, she was not ignorant. Originally, she only met Chu Rui by chance and relied on her intuition to tell that he was not a bad person. Only then did she boldly ask if she could stay with him. However, from the current situation, Chu Rui did not seem like her prince on a white horse.

“That's right, I want to get on top of her!” The youth was already very shameless. Now that the words came out clearly, the youth did not fear anymore. This was a high quality loli in front of him and he might not find another one in the future. After prevailing over everything in his mind, the youth did not care about anything else and just admitted it.

“Name the price, just transfer your girlfriend to me!” The youth openly said it. The disgusting and filthy transaction came out from his mouth without the slightest hesitation. He was definitely familiar with these kinds of things.

After hearing the youth's words, Chu Rui smiled. This was a sneering and ridiculing smile. However, in the eyes of others, it seemed to be one of happiness.

Looking at the two filthy men and the high quality loli, the bystanders couldn't help but look down on them and pity the loli. However, no one dared to come up. In the current world, bad things happen to good people. Good people will only get a thank you in return and then suffer from the other party's retaliation. Looking at the youth, they believed that he was not simple and did not want trouble on themselves.

Hearing the youth's words, Su Meimei couldn't help but tighten her grasp more. Even if Chu Rui's hands had calluses from holding guns and daggers, he still felt a bit of pain. He looked at Su Meimei, who was lowering her head. Her face was pale and her shoulders and lips continued to tremble. Chu Rui waited in expectation. If this girl revealed her identity, then such a situation where she might be sold would probably not occur. However, after waiting for a while, he could only see her lips open and close a few times and did not let out any sound.

"Quickly tell me how much do you want for her!" The youth couldn't help but urge Chu Rui afraid that he would turn back on the deal. His incredibly greedy eyes kept licking Su Meimei from top to bottom. Then he looked at Chu Rui's eyes that was looking at his prey that was close to his grasp.

"When did I say that I would sell her? You actually want to traffic someone in today's society? You are truly treating this world as lawless!"

Chu Rui who had been annoyed raised his head and glared at the youth. The fury on his eyes slightly startled the youth.

“I’ll give you ten minutes to disappear from my sight!”

Without learning about Su Meimei’s origin, Chu Rui was a bit disappointed but he was also very happy. If Su Meimei revealed herself, then it would also be the time that she would leave. The current situation was very nice. With a beautiful loli at home, he would not only have an eye candy but also someone to do housework and fill his stomach up. To people who prepared to reside in the world of Kismet like him, his house with her in it was like paradise.

“What?”

Seeing Chu Rui, who was being an obedient grandchild in front of him, suddenly spoke such arrogant words stunned the youth from the huge discrepancy.

“Brat, do you believe that this daddy can kill you. In all my years, those who dared speak to me like that did not get away safe and sound.”

The youth, who came to a realization, released his ruthlessness and charged towards Chu Rui while howling ferociously.

“Then today this daddy will make an exception!”

Chu Rui disdainfully looked at the youth. He did not take an ant like him seriously. In his eyes, no matter how rich or powerful a

person was, everyone only had one life. An assassin would not care how wealthy or how rich you were. If he were to take a person's life, what could they do about it? Although this world could not be compared to the world of dark fantasies, the powerful still stood on top. Why was America so arrogant, that in times of peace and development, they would dare to arrogantly cause wars with whomever they want. That was because they had the power to do so. So what if you were hit? What could you do about it?

Chapter 111: The Clever Alluring Woman

“You, you...”

The youth that had been enraged by Chu Rui kept saying ‘you’ for a long while without saying anything else.

“Five more seconds!”

Chu Rui disdained these kinds of people the most. He coldly shot him a glance like god looking down on an ant while crossing his hands.

“Die!”

The youth was looked down upon by this person wearing sleeveless shirt, beach shorts and flip-flops. Furthermore, the surrounding people were also looking at him with disdain. The youth’s anger immediately rose and raised his fists to hit Chu Rui.

Seeing that the youth was about to punch, Su Meimei fearfully tightened her hands and wanted to retreat.

Chu Rui’s right hand tightly held Su Meimei’s hands, while his other hand passed through the youth’s attack and counterattacked with lightning fast speed...

“Pow...”

A loud and clear sound echoed. Everyone was stunned as they saw the youth flew out like a baseball in a beautiful arc. The youth flew away for a few meters and heavily hit the floor. Those people who had good eyesight even saw the blood that came out from the youth. The blood that the youth spat out even seemed to have two white teeth with them. The scene was so tragic.

Everyone stared at Chu Rui blankly. They could never have imagined this person, who was dressed weirdly, was actually so strong. Although the youth was a degenerate, who only cared for wine and women, he was still a man that weighed at least fifty kilograms. Chu Rui's single punch actually knocked him flying while spitting out blood and teeth. How strong was Chu Rui?

Nobody dared to move after witnessing Chu Rui's strong pressure. The alluring woman and the beautiful sales staff both covered their mouths and looked at Chu Rui with disbelief. The beautiful sales staff was still better as she looked with splendor. On the other hand, the alluring woman was struck like a cupid's arrow by Chu Rui's attack. To be more precise, it was the pit of her stomach that throbbed and her eyes became hazy.

“Ah...”

A light groan awoke the alluring woman back from her delusion. Seeing her financial banker/ lover on the ground, her complexion changed and quickly adjusted her expression. With a heart aching worried expression, she run towards the youth.

“Dear, are you okay?”

She supported the youth that was lying on the floor like a dead pig. A weak woman like her trying to support the boy that was at least fifty kilograms was already dripping wet with fragrant sweat. And the sweat was absorbed by her thin clothes. It was already summer, and everybody understood that no matter how flirtatious the woman was, she did not dare wear see through clothes. However, after sweating buckets, her underwear was becoming clearer under the clothes. It wasn't only this, because of the sweat, her clothes begun sticking to her body, making the image clearer.

Appealing underwear and it was also black, very tasteful.

Honestly speaking the woman was alluring with a pretty good appearance and she also had a mature charm like a poppy flower. Looking at the beauty's situation, the fellow men begun watching with glee and tilted their necks to look with all their strength. However, they had forgotten everything in front of the sight and met with a tragedy. Their female companions looked at the men's expressions wrinkled their brows. They used a woman's innate skill, [Pinching] to pinch their waists. In an instant, screams and groans did not stop coming out.

“Wretched bastard, my father is Shanghai's public security chief. You actually dared to hit me?”

The youth that had been hit by Chu Rui not only flew down on the floor but also felt pain all over his body. Moreover, his mouth swelled like a meat bun that spat out blood and teeth. It can be said that the youth was a tragic sight to be seen even his speech was

distorted.

“Public security chief?”

Chu Rui slightly frowned but not because he was afraid of an insignificant public security chief. Chu Rui did not even care about the public security chief even if this was Shanghai. It was because he did not want to leave the country again after drifting for a long time and finally finding a good place to stay, He would not do it unless it was absolutely necessary. He had finally found a peaceful life. He was able eat and sleep when he wanted to. Furthermore, there was a fun game, Kismet. Compared to his earlier days with a knife edge on his mouth, his current situation was heaven. Soon it would be school opening and he wanted to experience the feeling of being a student.

“What? Are you scared now? If you kneel down right now and slap yourself a hundred times at the same time offer your girlfriend, this daddy will consider forgiving you.”

Seeing that Chu Rui frowned, the youth thought he was scared and became incredibly arrogant. Ever since childhood, once he brings up his father’s position, he never lost.

“Scared? Scared your fuck! Even if your father is [Li Gang](#), he wouldn’t be able to save you!”

The second generation calling himself ‘daddy’ and then trying to steal his girl while telling him to kneel and slap himself, this too fucking unbearable.

Chu Rui carried a gloomy look and walked towards the youth supported by the alluring woman. His killing intent almost made the youth pee himself.

“Sta... stay away from me!”

Seeing that Chu Rui walked closer, the youth's pale face was filled with fear. He could not believe that the man, that seemed to be a temporary worker, in front of him still dared to move. He was immediately terrified. He was strong because of his father's background, without his father's protection, he was nothing but shit. Chu Rui's attack had already turned him into this appearance, what kind of background could he have to be able to compare to the youth's father. Seeing how the other side was secure as if he had backing, the youth almost fainted from the killing intent emitted by Chu Rui. He immediately believed that he had hit a hard wall.

“Save me!”

The youth shrieked in terror when he saw Chu Rui approach like a demon god. He immediately raised his hands as his legs trembled.

A strange smell spread and made Chu Rui frown. When he looked down, he only saw that a puddle appeared below the youth.

A puddle?

Chu Rui stared blankly for a while and immediately understood. He glared at the youth without saying anything for a long time.

He actually peed his pants from the fright?

The youth's embarrassing situation was actually seen by the people around him. Momentarily, despising laughter continued to echo.

Actually he could not be blamed for this. He was originally a timid coward, it was only due to his father's prestige that he was able to be bold. Being hit by Chu Rui and then bathed by his abnormal killing intent caused him to lose control of his bladder for a moment and made him pee. However, for a man to pee from being scared would be laughed at no matter what the reason was. The youth would probably not be able to raise his head anymore.

“Don't hit him. If you want to hit someone, hit me!”

Suddenly, the alluring woman, that was supporting the youth, blocked Chu Rui's path like a hen protecting its chicks.

Chu Rui looked at the alluring woman's sonorous expression and stared at it blankly. He then looked at the youth, who was grabbing onto her clothes with a touched expression. Chu Rui smiled. A while ago he had seen the disgust and loathing in her eyes. But now, she was able to do such an action in such a short amount of time. Chu Rui couldn't help but say that she was a clever woman!

Chapter 112:

In the eyes of an assassin, there is only the target. Man or woman, old or young—it doesn't matter.

Chu Rui was willing to hurt a woman. He wasn't one of those old-fashioned men sitting on their high horses, convinced that any man who hit a woman wasn't a real man. Women weren't at any kind of disadvantage at all.

Throughout history countless men had fallen at the hands of women—not just emperors and ministers, but also businessmen, billionaires, those with insurmountable reputations and abilities. Now, of course, it went without saying that little had changed in favor of men. Women weren't just capable of holding their own; in many more places, they were almost masters over men. Too bad that this damn world had too many men with soft hearts and open ears.

Now with the goddamn gender imbalance, plus how many men had lovers on the side meant that the already limited resources were being taken up more and more. Some men had no choice but to live the single life forever. What could you do about it? Nowadays it was harder for a normal guy to get married than to travel to the moon. Chasing after women before marriage, then pampering them after marriage—no matter when or where, men were getting screwed over.

Even though Chu Rui was willing to hurt a woman and had even killed a few famous ones, he wasn't willing to take a chance on doing it in such a public place. This woman was clever, and Chu

Rui liked interacting with clever people.

After a meaningful smile, Chu Rui flashed the seductive woman a look and turned to leave, pulling Su Meimei, whose eyes were still wide with curiosity, with him.

Startled by Chu Rui, the young man immediately shriveled, not daring to say another word. All he wanted now was for this grim reaper of a man to get away from him.

Chu Rui didn't really care that something like this had happened, but it had killed his mood. Walking to the normal underwear section, he let Su Meimei pick four more sets of underwear in addition to the one she had picked out beforehand. Five in total; they paid and left.

They shopped from four in the afternoon all the way until ten p.m, buying all the clothes, underwear, shoes, and other daily necessities that they needed. Chu Rui only gave up when his arms gave out from carrying all the bags.

After hailing a cab home, Chu Rui moved all the stuff home before moving out quickly again to buy a mountain of food at the local supermarket.

When he came home, he found that Su Meimei had already finished cooking some rice and several small dishes.

After such a long day, Chu Rui was starving. He was originally

planning to propose that they eat out, but since Su Meimei had already cooked for them he held his tongue on the matter.

“Go ahead. I’m going to go make another dish.”

Going through all the food Chu Rui had bought, Su Meimei organized it, putting everything that needed to be kept fresh into the fridge. After a while of gazing at the simple vegetable dishes on the table, she took out a slab of meat and walked into the kitchen.

Hearing that there would be more food to come, Chu Rui immediately slowed down the speed he was eating at.

Chopping up the meat, turning on the stove, adding oil to the pan...

It didn’t take long for the scent of cooked meat to fill the room. The enticing smell made Chu Rui’s sensitive nose twitch.

“Ding...ding...”

Just as he felt the anticipation building in his chest, the doorbell suddenly rang.

What the hell?

Chu Rui frowned. He didn’t have any family or relatives in the area. Who could it be? It was so late too, almost eleven p.m.

Could it be some kind of paid muscle called over by that little brat from earlier? He had mentioned that his dad was the police chief, after all.

A dangerous glint flashed through Chu Rui's eyes. If that bastard was determined to rile him up, there was no blame on him for any sort of ruthless retaliation. Killing him certainly wasn't going to induce any guilt in Chu Rui; the little dickhead was a useless waste of air and food anyway.

Striding to the door, a single look through the peephole killed all his anger. It wasn't a cop, just Chen Xiaofei.

"Xiaofei, what are you doing here? Is there something going on at the restaurant?" Chu Rui asked with a smile as he quickly opened the door and greeted her.

"No. Mom mentioned that you hadn't gone over to eat, and asked me to send you some food," said Chen Xiaofei softly, lowering her head in slight embarrassment.

Seeing the lunchbox in Chen Xiaofei's hands sent a shiver of emotion through Chu Rui. After years making his way through the constant darkness of the hard streets and kill after kill, this gentle concern that reminded him someone was thinking of him was worth more than anything to him.

"You don't have to be so courteous with us," said Chen Xiaofei quietly, "If it weren't for you, the restaurant would be gone a long

time ago. I don't know what Mom and I would do."

Chu Rui forced a smile. Even though he had helped the two of them twice now and didn't have to pay for meals anymore, that wasn't why he hadn't gone. It was just that today had gotten so busy. He was planning to go alone today, but Su Meimei had already cooked for him and he couldn't turn her down.

"That's not what I meant at all! You know, I love Qin's cooking," he said, rubbing his head as he stood in the doorway, fumbling with the lunchbox. An idea came to him and he smacked his own forehead with a smile: "I'm not quite full yet, though, so you came at the right time. Come on in and eat!"

"Okay!" Chen Xiaofei nodded, even though her cheeks had blushed slightly red.

"Wow, it smells so good in here. I didn't know you were so good at cooking." The scent of the meat filled the room. Chen Xiaofei glanced at Chu Rui with some surprise in her eyes. As someone in the industry, of course she knew what kind of cooking skills it took for someone to make a dish not only taste good, but smell so good as well. Why would anyone go out to eat at the restaurant everyday if they could cook like this?

Chu Rui smiled, but said nothing. They were already at the dining room, after all.

Seeing Chu Rui and a little girl come in, Su Meimei stood up, even though she had just sat down from finishing the last dish. Her

head was lowered, almost like a maid seeing her master come home.

“Chu Rui, she...” This unusually pretty golden-haired beauty reminded Chen Xiaofei of a doll, stunning her in her steps.

“Oh, her name is Su Meimei. She’s my...my...house guest!” Chu Rui said with some effort. Of course he couldn’t just say that he’d saved her from some punks on the street, right?

House guest?

Chu Rui’s hesitance brought up another line of thought in Chen Xiaofei. A man living with such a beautiful woman who was cooking for him...they lived under the same roof, ate at the same table...was this still just a “house guest”? Who could believe that a man and woman living together like this had a purely platonic relationship?

“Meimei, this little beauty here is Chen Xiaofei,” Chu Rui continued, failing to notice Chen Xiaofei’s expression.

“H-hello!” Su Meimei answered, with some trepidation.

Chen Xiaofei felt her heart twist. The best she could manage was a forced smile.

“You two go ahead and eat. I’m going back for now.”

Chen Xiaofei put the lunchbox down and turned to leave.

“What’s wrong, Xiaofei? Are you feeling sick or something?”

It was strange that Xiaofei was reacting so oddly. Seeing her pale face, Chu Rui was immediately concerned.

“No, I’m fine. I’ve just been busy all day, and I’m feeling a little tired now.” She smiled again.

“How about I see you out?”

Chu Rui nodded, and was about to follow her out.

“No need for that! You stay and eat, or your meal’s going to get cold!”

Chen Xiaofei pushed Chu Rui back into the doorway, and then went downstairs without looking back.

Watching Chen Xiaofei vanish down the stairwell, Chu Rui felt a strange heaviness in his heart.

Chapter 113:

It was almost midnight by the time they finally finished dinner. After bidding good night to Su Meimei, who had finished washing all the bowls and chopsticks, Chu Rui went to the bathroom to take a shower before going back to his room and logging into the game. It was a new day after twelve a.m., which meant he had time to play games again.

Just as he was preparing to put on his game helmet, he was interrupted by his phone going off. It was Ms. Qin's number!

"Hey, what's up?" Chu Rui said. He was curious why she called him in the first place so late at night, but still decided to pick up.

"Rui, what's wrong with Xiaofei?" Ms. Qin's anxious voice startled Chu Rui. Chen Xiaofei? Had something happened to her? Was it the same two punks messing with Su Meimei?

"What happened?" Chu Rui said. His voice was heavy, filled with killing intent that he tried to hide. If Chen Xiaofei had encountered the same thing that Su Meimei had, he would kill anyone involved in it—slice them to pieces if needed.

"I don't know. Since she came back from your place, she locked herself into the room. No matter how hard I knock she just won't come out. Rui, have you been picking on her?" Ms. Qin said, her voice filled with concern.

"I wouldn't dare! Just now Xiaofei dropped off some food for me

and went directly back home. I wanted to escort her out, but she ran off herself. Actually, she looked off earlier when she was here as well. Could she be sick?” Chu Rui said with a frown.

“Sick? It doesn’t seem to be that...maybe she’s just tired. I don’t know why, but there was so much business today! It really worked us to the bone. I didn’t see you over today and was getting ready to call you and ask if anything was wrong. Who knew, Xiaofei told me not to. She cooked up a few dishes and dropped them off at your place all by herself!”

Qin Yue’s words stunned Chu Rui.

“Wait, Xiaofei cooked those dishes?” He asked. No wonder the taste seemed slightly different from usual. Who would guess that Xiaofei, who was such a shy, shrinking girl, would be an even better cook than her mother!

“Yes. I’ve never seen her put so much heart into it.” said Ms. Qin with a deep sigh.

Chu Rui was silent. He was inexperienced when it came to emotions, but not a total idiot. From what Ms. Qin was telling him, he could begin to guess at why Chen Xiaofei was acting oddly.

Originally she had been so happy to see him, but after seeing Su Meimei, such a cute girl, her expression had changed completely. If he couldn’t even see that, his head was mushy enough that he should just go bump himself off on a chunk of tofu or something.

He wasn't dumb, though. It was just that Chu Rui hadn't let his thoughts stray in that direction at all. He had known Chen Xiaofei for less than half a month and only seen her each time he went out for dinner. How could it happen so quickly?

Then, of course, he failed to take into consideration that within such a short timespan he had saved the two of them twice already: punching out the mafia members they were so afraid of, and beating out the big boss they couldn't even imagine offending.

Heroes are always respected, especially when they go out of their way to rescue girls. It was an old cliché, but it always managed to touch the heart. So many beauties since ancient times had fallen for this.

Chen Xiaofei...she was already so shy and averse to socializing...even if she wasn't completely antisocial, she didn't quite fit in with other girls either. For a girl like that, having a boy in her life, who showed up in the role of protector...even if her heart hadn't been stolen away immediately, of course she would harbor warm feelings toward him.

After realizing the truth, Chu Rui could only sit there in dumb silence. For whatever reason, Ms. Qin didn't talk either. The sound of her breathing on the other end was the only indication the call was still on.

“Rui, I know this kind of thing can't be forced. But as a mother, I beg of you: if you don't have that kind of intent, please don't hurt Xiaofei. She's suffered a lot at my side. Since she was little, she's been helping me out without a break. No romance, not even many

friends. I owe her too much. If it's possible, I hope that you can help me, help her."

Ms. Qin's voice seemed to tremble. From the choked up sound of her voice, Chu Rui could imagine what she must look like now: tearing up, covering her own mouth, forcing herself not to make any sound.

Chu Rui was silent. For a long time, he was silent.

"Ms. Qin, emotions are such a hard thing to predict. I can't promise anything. But what I can promise is that I'll treat Xiaofei like my own sister. If one day that sort of feeling really does come up in our relationship...you don't have to say anything. I'll try my best."

Chu Rui's tone was heavy, as was his heart. He was an assassin. His profession had taught him how invaluable true feeling was. Society nowadays was filled with material pleasures and concerns, and people laughed more at the poor than at the immoral. Having such a genuine connection was priceless. To him, what could be more valuable?

But because he knew of its value, he also understood that he couldn't make daring statements out of the good of his heart. Giving promises he couldn't honor would not only hurt him, but even more so others.

Chu Rui had mixed feelings about Chen Xiaofei. Beforehand he had viewed her as nothing more than a little sister, never

considering the possibility of romance. But after this time, Ms. Qin had made things more than clear. Chu Rui might be cold when he was an assassin, but in life he was really just another person, a normal person—not the king of assassins who walked in darkness.

Everyone knew how powerful rumors could be. Men and women with nothing to do with one another could be misunderstood just from a single careless action, and end up breeding rumors. All people liked gossip, and it was more than common for conversation to turn dangerous.

Just from baseless rumors, some men and women might even experience emotional changes. After long enough of people claiming emotions where they didn't exist, they might slowly start to look at the other with different eyes. Perhaps they might even consider that the other had feelings for them in the first place. Eventually some of those people could become couples, or even just develop crushes on each other.

Now that Ms. Qin had laid it out for him like this, Chu Rui had no choice but to consider the side of things his mind had avoided in the past. He couldn't treat Chen Xiaofei so carelessly in the future anymore. Knowing how she felt toward him, how could he still maintain such a carefree demeanor? Turning his head, he looked at the sachet on the table. The carefully stitched "Rui" sent strange sensations through his whole body.

"If that's your answer, I have no more concerns. Please take care of Xiaofei in the future. I'm going to check on her, so I'll hang up now. You should sleep soon, it's so late."

Now that she had Chu Rui's promise, Ms. Qin did feel more at ease. If Chu Rui had said yes without hesitation, she would immediately have concluded that he was only toying with Xiaofei. But the fact that he could give her such a serious answer proved that he was treating the matter with concern, was treating Xiaofei with care.

Parents were all worried for their children. It was especially so for daughters, who could get their hearts broken by some careless roamer. If they began with delicate hearts, it could ruin their whole lives to be hurt like that.

Listening to the dial tone on the other end, Chu Rui didn't budge. After a long while, he sighed. Putting his game helmet aside, he opened the window. As cool wind washed over him, his eyes filled with confusion that he had grown unfamiliar with as he raised them to the clean-cut moon in the sky...

Chapter 114: The Invite from Sasha

In a flash of light, Chu Rui entered the game. Looking at the clock, it was about 1 AM.

Chu Rui was perplexed by Su Meimei's and Chen Xiaofei's issues, as well as Ms. Qin's phone call. Since as long as he could remember, he always had a plan; however, he completely lost himself at that moment. His coldness was always consistent and solid. In terms of killing, there weren't a lot of people in the world that could equal him.

But in terms of romance, he was absolutely inexperienced, having never escaped from bachelorhood in his life. Chu Rui knew that love was precious, and had to be kept, but what fruit does it bear? There are some things in life that you can't change, and there is nothing perfect in this world. In romance, love was love, and hate was hate.

Maybe you'll hide your deep, most inner thoughts in order to spare someone from pain. But eventually, you'll have to do it. When the day comes that you have to face them no matter what, when you have to face yourself, you'll realize that your so-called "protection", only further contributed to their suffering; a wracking, excruciating agony.

Quick, rational decisions are essential. Don't second-guess, don't be afraid of harming others. Because the longer you drag, the deeper the wound becomes.

Chu Rui has never developed an interest towards the relationship between men and women. He didn't feel too bad because of this; love couldn't only consist of words. He decided to stop worrying, and survive the hardest he could. As for what happens next, who knows? Right now, all he can do is wait.

The irritable Chu Rui stood by an open window, taking in the cold wind. He watched the moon for an hour, and cleared his mind of all his troubles.

If you can't think through, then just don't think.

He closed the window, increased the AC temperature a bit, and entered the game.

“Sly Hand, you there?”

Just as he went online, a message from Sasha dinged in his inbox. Chu Rui went rigid. What time is it? This girl's still not asleep? Don't girls refrain from all-nighters? Is she not afraid of her skin becoming old and sagged?

“Yep, you're here even at this hour?”

Chu Rui replied casually.

“Yesterday, I was busy with class-switching missions, and Tianer* bumped into a hidden mission. We've tried clearing it many times with no success. We couldn't reach you yesterday

because you weren't online. I want to ask for your help, since you're quite a strong character." Sasha lightly smiled. She seemed to be in a good mood.

*I have no idea what this character is called right now, but she was called Little Sweet Girl in the beginning chapters.

"A hidden mission?" When he heard these words, Chu Rui's ears perked up, and he became alert.

"Yes, Tianer's class-switching mission was to hunt down a monster called the Feng Hawk in the Forgotten Forest. She needed to kill thirty with a bow and arrow. Since the forest also contains other monsters, I went with her. When we were killing the hawk mob boss, she fell into a hole in a tree, and discovered a hidden map, with a hidden quest." Sasha explained.

Forgotten Forest?

Chu Rui opened his map and saw the Forest, marked heavily in red. It was just outside north of Tajia City borders, was an hour's run away. Although the forums didn't have much information about it, the monsters inside looked quite scary. The outer forest's monsters were Level 15 alone. For players switching classes, the place was suicide.

The forums never revealed much, anyway. They wanted players to go experience the game more, to have fun. But it might also be that there was something just too powerful in there, or some closely guarded secret. The crimson mark on the map indicated

that this wasn't a normal area. Tianer that girl's luck was truly great, for her to stumble on a hidden map on such a low-level mission.

“Alright, when should I go?” If this is a hidden quest, then the rewards will definitely be bountiful. At the current level, it should stay unnoticed. The first time a map is excavated, the item drop rate, the quality.... Hehe, it should go without saying.

“In about half an hour. We're all ready to go, you should prep up yourself.” Sasha said.

“Sure!” Chu Rui closed his inbox, and quickly checked his equipment. He bought half a bag of health potions, and bought some scrolls from a vendor stall. He hurried to the rendezvous point.

When Chu Rui was organizing his bag during his run, he realized that his bag was still stuffed with equipment. He slapped his head and ran back, dumping his goods from the biohazard laboratory into his vault. Chu Rui's attention was completely taken by Sasha's side mission, and completely forgot.

His memory of yesterday's last ten seconds was already fading. He didn't even get a chance to see Shinjide's * dropped second ability scroll, and was forcefully kicked from the game. It was called “Blood-Something”.

*I changed this from Xin Jide.

He rummaged in his bag, and pulled out the scroll.

“Scorching Blood”: Using a special ability, your blood becomes scorched, causing an increase in your cell-dividing speed. For a short time, your cells will mutate, and achieve great power!

The short description confused Chu Rui.

Cell mutation?

Chu Rui furrowed his brows in suspicion. He remembered Shinjide’s disgusting, mutated body, with his bones stretching out of his muscles. It was a complete mess of a mutation, with poison seeping out of his pores. His power was decent, but that appearance was just terrifying. But even though it was nasty, its effect was unmistakably invincible. If Chu Rui didn’t team up and throw his dagger from that distance, he would have definitely lost.

Fuck it, so what if it’s ugly? Aesthetics don’t matter in terms of combat.

Chu Rui gritted his teeth, and click the “Learn” option on the scroll.

As the ability melted into his body with a glowing orange aura, his jaw dropped with surprise.

Orange?

Legendary-tier?

Are you kidding me? How is this simple-ass ability Legendary-tier? It didn't make any sense, Shinjide was merely a gold-ranked Boss, how could it dispense Legendary ability scrolls? Fuck, am I insane, or is the system insane?

Chapter 115: Transformation-Scorching Blood!

Whatever doubt Chu Rui had towards Shinjide's revolting transformation was long gone. He was extremely grateful that he learned it; for if he sold it in the market, it would've been a huge waste. In this period, even a gold-tier skill is something to gloat over. Although he couldn't promise that his Shadow-Gold Weapon was the only one in existence, it was possible that Chu Rui was the only one who owned a weapon from that tier.

Legendary lived up to its name: it was truly the stuff of legends. The equipment tier is already rare enough, a Legendary skill book would be infinite times more valuable. And gear is just gear, something you can switch out of at any time. Skills are learned forever and permanently, the more powerful the more valuable.

An example would be his skill, "Last Stand". When paired with "Final Stand's" buffs, he could even hit twenty thousand damage against a gold-ranked Boss ten levels higher than himself.

However, the greatest value of skills was that they grow along with you, steadily becoming more reliable. At endgame, they'll prove to be invincible and supreme, bearing the sweetest fruit imaginable.

Chu Rui opened his skill bar, and focused on the new skill, "Scorching Blood"!

Scorching Blood: Main ability, consumes 200 MP. Instantly

activates inner body strength, causing blood to boil, and cells to crack and divide. Lasts for 5 minutes, and player becomes fatigued afterwards. Fatigue decreases all stats by 80% for 3 hours. Cooldown: 10 hours.

The simple description didn't show any character power buffs. Normally, the stronger and higher the player is, the more powerful the skill gets. But this skill didn't show any of those values. The active time is only 5 minutes, which you can use at tricky situations.

But the fatigue and recoil cause all stats to decrease 80%, trashing your character for three hours. If you can't get things down in 5 minutes, you're dead. Chu Rui didn't see any hidden side effects, but since this was a Legendary skill, it couldn't be any worse.

He then returned to his vault, and put down another skill book- "Sword Qi". Chu Rui then bought some trash daggers in case he needed "Last Stand". Sprinting at top speed, he arrived at the Tajia City North Gate.

There was one man and three women. The man's features were sharp and handsome, with a massive longsword by his side, glinting frostily. His black-plated armor had a ferocious tiger carved on the torso. His other gear was full and ready for combat: rings, necklaces, earrings.

The others were just as flashy. One was a swordswoman, standing in confidence. Her tight armor revealed her long, powerful legs. She held a pure-white sabre and wore dazzling silver robes, shining brilliantly.

Besides the swordswoman was a loli girl character. She grasped a long bow, and her huntress' outfit blatantly showed off her thighs. On top, only her important parts were covered, accenting her slender waist. Her dimples, paired with

The last girl paled in comparison to the other two. Although her physique was the same, she didn't have such ridiculously large weapons. She wore a snow-white cloak, and held an ivory short-staff. Her smile was warm and calming.

These people were Ye Zifeng, Sasha, and Tianer. The last one was a druid that was a stranger to Chu Rui.

"I'm sorry for being late, I had some matters to tend to!"

Chu Rui apologized to the group.

"It's alright. We didn't wait very long."

Ye Zifeng lightly smiled. Although he'd been there for a while now, he didn't forget Chu Rui's power and potential in the Lost Mineshaft. Zifeng didn't want to act all high and mighty anymore; although he was talented, there was still distance between him and Chu Rui. Powerful men must be respected. With Chu Rui's abilities, no matter who he teamed up with, they'll all benefit greatly. To possess such an ambitious heart, Ye Zifeng's decision was absolutely right. Looking back to when Chu Rui ignored and avoided him, he was grateful that they were on a speaking basis now.

“You’re here!” As soon as she saw Chu Rui, Sasha waved at him. The gesture broke her elegant and polished atmosphere, but it also made her seem cute and attractive, like the ancient [Mu Guiying](#).

“Big Brother Sly, you have to help me get revenge. Those disgusting monsters made me drop to Lv. 12.” Tianer tearfully pleaded, and blinked her huge eyes.

Under Tianer’s eyes, the atmosphere became murderous towards Chu Rui. He felt frustrated and upset, what does this have to do with me! Whoever has a problem with her, take her away, I don’t care one bit.

Fuck!

Mu Guiying (穆桂英) is a fictional character in the epic “Yang General”. She was prominent for her outstanding battle prowess.

Chapter 116: The Druid, Blossom Rain

The cutting-edge game “Kismet” is truly unmatched. Players enter through brainwave scanning, eliminating the possibility of gender faking. Whatever you are will be what you’ll look like. If you really want to forge your biological sex, a trip to Thailand would be a must. * Even though the game’s system settings can change character features, this modification only accounts for 10%. Under comparison, it really isn’t that much different from reality.

*Thailand is known for transsexual surgeries and population. Search “Thailand kathoey” to learn more.

Sasha, Tianer, and the Druid were unquestionably real-life charmers. First was the elegant, bold swordswoman’s gentle beauty, then the fierce, wild quality-loli follows. Her soft, pouting plea of “big brother” heated the nearby players’ blood to boiling point. The scalding flames of anger and envy almost burnt Chu Rui to a crisp.

Under the surrounding pressure and stares, Chu Rui felt a chill in his heart. Under so many peoples’ bloodlust, the bulky atmosphere became unbearable. What’s more, these are sex crazed horn-dogs brimming in envy. If something else happens, Chu Rui will definitely be torn apart by the crowd.

“Tianer, just call me Sly Hand!”

Chu Rui’s eye twitched, looking at the innocent Tianer. She gazed back with adoring eyes.

“Why not? Is calling you Big Brother Sly bad?”

The piercing stares, sharp as needles, only contributed further to Chu Rui’s exasperation. He could only look pleadingly to Ye Zifeng, silently screaming for help.

“Cough, Tianer, knock it off!”

Ye Zifeng broke out of his stupor, and acted to Chu Rui’s distress call. This is a great chance to build their relationship.

“What did I do, Big Brother Feng?!”

Tianer pouted sadly. Her soft and loving eyes made the surrounding men even more envious. They glared daggers at Ye Zifeng with acrimony.

“Eh....”

Under the glowers of the crowd, Ye Zifeng understood Chu Rui’s situation. Beads of sweat formed on his forehead.

“Ahem, alright, this greeting is over!” Ye Zifeng awkwardly laughed, and immediately sent Chu Rui a team invite.

“Okay Sly Hand, let’s get this done quick. We’ll discuss details on the way there!”

Ye Zifeng started moving as soon as Chu Rui accepted the invite. The destination wasn't close at all, so time management was necessary.

“Oh right, this druid is called Blossom Rain, she's a girlfriend of Sasha and Tianer's. She's quite experienced.”

Hearing Ye Zifeng's words, Chu Rui curiously opened the team profile. The druid didn't hide her personal info.

ID: Blossom Rain

Class: Druid

Level: 14

ID, class, and level. In the team channel, it's common to show only these three things. Players may also choose to hide the rest of their profile. It's completely understandable for one to hide their real name from some teams. If some dispute or conflict rose, it'll be a pain to be chased after.

Level 14? For a druid to reach this level is really impressive! Ye Zifeng was right, this woman is powerful.

Noticing Chu Rui's stare, Blossom Rain lightly smiled at him as a form of greeting.

Chu Rui tilted his head, and turned away.

She wasn't as beautiful as Sasha or Tianer; she neither had Sasha's valiant and heroic features, nor Tianer's cute and feminine personality. But Blossom Rain did have a special air around her, an aura that calmed down everyone near her. Her gentle smile was just as an angel's, curative and tranquil.

This kind of silent, elegant woman was definitely wife material. With her by your side, you won't feel a sliver of frustration or worry.

“Whoa, Sly Hand, what were you doing yesterday? Level 19?”

Ye Zifeng yelped, stopping the running women.

Level 19?

It's only been how many days? He switched classes only two days ago, that's only one day from then and now. He can't be playing for more than 15 hours, and got to Level 19? Although he was already Level 14 at the Amateur's Village, to raise 5 whole levels in one day is completely out of this world.

“Eh, that's not right. How are you holding two weapons at once?”

Barely recovering from the discovery of level, Ye Zifeng pointed at Chu Rui's hands, and exclaimed incredulously.

"I got a skill book, Dual Wield Mastery. I can wield two armaments at once." Sly Hand explained.

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Hearing Chu Rui's simple reply, Ye Zifeng was at a loss for words. For him to define such an overpowered breakthrough was really painful. Chu Rui was already insanely good with one dagger, won't two daggers make him invincible? Even though more weapons don't necessarily mean more power, Chu Rui wasn't just anybody. It was without doubt that he'll find a way to utilize it properly, striking fear into any opponent.

"Brother Sly, could you elaborate on how you leveled up so fast? Although I know this is rude, I really am curious. After all this time of grinding, I've only climbed to Level 13, and bought all my equipment myself. You've leveled up in such a crazily short time, and got so much gear and skills, how could this explain for hard grinders like us?"

Ye Zifeng's face was frozen in a state of shock, and stuttered his words.

"It's not much. I just found a hidden map, fought my way through, and killed the boss." Chu Rui simply said.

Ye Zifeng: “....”

Sasha: “....”

Tianer: “....”

Blossom Rain: “....”

Not much? You found a hidden map, and beat the boss along with it, how is that not much? Then what counts as much?

Looking at Chu Rui’s blank expression, the four of them wanted to crush his puny head. You really are just going to talk like that? Can’t you at least consider our feelings? How will this go through our heads?!

Chapter 117: The Forgotten Forest

Traveling to the Forest, the group wasn't very raucous or noisy. Although Chu Rui was familiar with Ye Zifeng and the others, he couldn't just chat casually with them. Their relationships were no more than teammates or a collaboration. The market and the battlefield weren't very different; anyone can be all brothers-in-arms one minute, and start stabbing backs the next.

In the meager days they've met each other, everyone knew faces but not hearts. It was even more so in this virtual gaming world. Moreover, it would be a hassle for Chu Rui to start meaningless gossip, since he wasn't used to mingling at all.

Ye Zifeng silently made his way, constantly observing their surroundings. If some other team ambushed them, it would be devastating if they weren't prepared. Thankfully, the road didn't have a lot of monsters, a path-blocking boss would be rather inconvenient.

As for the three women behind them, they were close girlfriends in the first place. During the mundane trip, they've naturally started to talk and gossip. In terms of chatting about fashion and makeup, women were absolutely unrivaled.

Chu Rui didn't waste his idling time, either. He opened his ability list and scrolled through his powers, rehearsing different battle situations in his head. The Thief doesn't have a lot of diversity in abilities, and relies on explosive power for victory; if they don't kill someone within a couple moves, it's time to scam.

The reason why Chu Rui was so unimaginably powerful was because he was the king of killers in real life beforehand, and used his real-life skills on his character. But in reality, he always used about one knife at most, and the virtual world was indeed “virtual”. Even if you slit someone’s throat all the way down, it wouldn’t immediately kill them like it would be in the real world. Chu Rui couldn’t rely on his instant-KO’s anymore, so he started to consider stamina and dragged battles.

Thieves live in the night, and base on high-volume explosions of strength. Chu Rui may not have a problem with one-hitting players, but upon bosses, how could he just strike them down in one hit? He didn’t have to train his instincts and movement, the most important was mastering skill combos and learning to fight with two daggers. If he managed to bring his most mana-cheap skills up, his opportunities and fighting styles will definitely have more variation.

Although Chu Rui came up with numerous ideas for tactics and strategies, they were all useless without real battle experimentation. The Thief requires the physical body more than instinct, and values flexibility at the highest; difficult and extreme movement is necessary for the class. Chu Rui was confident about his mind, but he wasn’t sure about the character’s body in-game.

After brainstorming plans and scenarios, they finally arrived at their destination: Forgotten Forest!

The forest was lush with vegetation, flowers bloomed everywhere under the thick, sturdy trees. It looked like a paradise, untouched by humans or civilization. From the outside, it looked

like a beautiful and perfect forest no matter what, a flawless thicket of spiritual life. But there was a strange mood in the air, because a light mist stuck to the forest within. Logically, this forest should be full of sounds from the beasts and animals within, but the whole area was silent. If Chu Rui didn't hear the whoosh of a gentle breeze, he would've thought that the system muted his hearing.

“When I came here the first time, I didn't dare to go in at all. This air is too creepy for me. But inside, it isn't too dangerous, it might be because we're at the very outer ring of the woodland. However, the hidden map under the tree hole is really disgusting. After defeating the first boss, we couldn't even kill the monster spawns. We don't even know what the second boss looks like.”

Ye Zifeng laughed bitterly, the armor he was wearing right now was won from that first boss. The situation back then was truly hopeless; after killing it, only him and Blossom Rain remained. Sasha and Tianer all died, returning to Lv. 13.

Playing a game wasn't really “playing” in a sense, it was “entering” a game and experiencing the characters' thoughts and feelings. To adventure with them, go through all kinds of ordeals, and brood about life was the real way of playing RPGs. When you weep of the character's sorrow, when you laugh of the character's joy, when you relate to your character on a personal level... Then you will achieve the highest realm. At that point, you won't be playing the game, you've already entered the game.

Chapter 118: “The Treasure Chest on the Cliff”

Looking at the Forgotten Forest, Chu Rui felt his heartbeat quicken. For a region to be marked by the system itself as a danger area was a rare sight indeed. This definitely was a treasure cave; the catch was whether you had the ability to dig it out.

Wielding two daggers, Chu Rui leaped into the Forgotten Forest without a second thought.

Watching the excited Chu Rui, Ye Zifeng and the others looked at each other helplessly and quickly followed. The first time they arrived, everyone walked with extreme care, afraid of triggering some boss and getting wiped out. But not Chu Rui, that guy just crashes in the moment he arrives. They were lucky that the strange mist was only on the outer ring, with only a few monsters. Although they were a bit stronger than regular spawns, there was no way they could defeat the whole team. What’s more, they had a crazy, overpowered freak running in front of them!

It was only after ten minutes of running into the Forest that monsters started to appear within 500 meters. No wonder why they couldn’t hear anything from outside the forest.

This was the forest. Although it was a bit strange, it was still a forest; the system wouldn’t just randomly spawn water-dwelling monsters. The majority were still jungle creatures like cougars, tigers, and lions. With Chu Rui, all of these mighty beasts were treated like young lamb, slaughtered without haste.

Under Ye Zifeng and the others' directions, Chu Rui hacked his way through. His horrifying attack power awed the team. This thief might as well be defying the heavens.

They walked for another half hour before arriving at the Feng Hawk's nest. The nest hosted about a hundred or so hawks. Looking at the flying monsters, Chu Rui was speechless. Thankfully this was a class quest for Hunters; if he had to kill these things it would be a real pain in the ass. What, was he supposed to shoot down all of those birds one by one with "Final Stand"?

Ye Zifeng and the others have come here many times, and were familiar with the terrain. They climbed up a massive, towering tree. The trunk was well over ten meters in diameter, and grew in a strange way; its branches hung low and intertwined with neighboring plants.

Although Feng Haws could fly, the system didn't make them too annoying to deal with. Their maximum flying ceiling didn't go over twenty meters. Maybe their nests were in the tree, and the birds would attack when they scaled the tree. Their attack range was seven meters, so if the group tiptoed carefully, they wouldn't attract too much of the hawks' attention. Although Chu Rui didn't know what spawns lurked under the tree hole, judging from the situation, close-combat classes were the way to go. Each Feng Hawk was like an airplane glider, its blinding speed made it impossible for a mage to aim properly. The branches were hard to move around with, so they were basically fish in a barrel. A scream for help would only last about two to three seconds before getting pegged by the high-critical Feng Hawks.

The map was great for the Warrior-class. Its decent defense could hold against the Feng Hawks' attack easily, unlike the Revenant who could only tank through damage and have no way of fighting back whatsoever. It was a disaster for Thieves like Chu Rui, who relied on 1v1 battles. However, he wasn't any average Thief, his health and defense was just as good as any Revenant, and enough said about his attack. The nearby Ye Zifeng could only sweat at the sight of his power.

Skipping across the bulky branches and jumping from tree to tree, the path took Chu Rui's team an hour to get across.

“Brother Sly, it's here!”

Ye Zifeng sliced several hawks at once, and pointed.

Looking at the hole, Chu Rui felt speechless. Who in the hell did this, they must be really talented. If you drill a hole in the trunk below, it won't be very surprising, but this hole was driven into a massive tree branch well over twenty meters above ground. It was a wonder that Ye Zifeng and the others even found this place at all.

“Wait, you haven't been over there before?”

Chu Rui pointed towards the end of the giant tree branch. A giant Feng Hawk stood at the end of it, undoubtedly a boss monster.

“Of course!” Ye Zifeng stammered, “That’s the Feng Hawk Boss, last time we tried really hard and brought down half of its health, but this thing is just too broken, it flew outside our attack range and called minions to help. I don’t know if it’s attack range or something, but it won’t go near 10 meters of the tree hole. Thankfully it can’t, or else we would be all wiped out before even entering the damn hole.”

Listening to Ye Zifeng’s words, Chu Rui’s eyes narrowed slightly. Under observation, the hole was about thirty meters away from the boss. The Feng Hawk is a Lv. 16 monster, even if the boss was also Lv. 16, its awareness range was only about 10 meters, but the chasing distance should at least be thirty! Ye Zifeng’s words about it stopping near the tree hole was truly strange.

“You guys wait here; I’ll go check it out!” Chu Rui couldn’t keep his curiosity waiting, and disappeared from the group’s sight with his sneaking ability.

The bare tree branches were wide enough to make a small road, but the height below made it seem like a walking wire.

After entering sneak mode, Chu Rui’s speed decreased 80% at thirty meters, so he should be able to go unnoticed.

Twenty meters!

Fifteen meters!

Ten meters!

Twenty of the thirty seconds available sneak time had passed. Chu Rui's distance between the Feng Hawk boss was only ten meters. In this area, the branches extended past the shade of leaves, and Feng Hawks flew all around Chu Rui. He had completely entered their main nest; if he were to drop sneak mode right now, he would most likely be shredded to bits by the hawks.

Looking at his situation, Chu Rui ground his teeth and kept moving. When his sneak mode was nearing 5 seconds left, he finally breached within three meters of the giant Feng Hawk boss. He could see each of its glowing feathers, which were sharp as knives. Its beak was like a pointed razor, glinting under the harsh sunlight.

Staring at the mighty hawk boss, Chu Rui gulped and prepared to retreat. If he slashed his way through the nest at first, then he might've had a chance, but now he was too far behind the enemy lines. Even if he had three heads and six arms, he could never defeat the fifty to sixty Feng Hawks and the boss.

Just when Chu Rui was about to leave, the Hawk Boss suddenly flashed its wings and leaped upward. Thinking his presence had been discovered, Chu Rui ran for his life. But the Hawk was just tired of kneeling on the ground, and flew to warm its aching bones.

The startled Chu Rui turned around to leave, but he saw something at the corner of his eye. Under the sunlight, there was a blinding radiance!

A treasure chest?

Chu Rui's eyes widened, and a glimmer of delight shined in his pupils.

In the world of “Kismet”, besides hidden quests and missions, there are also treasure chests in some special areas. Even though chests were a step lower than hidden maps, it was definitely weighted more than a treasure item. According to the official forums, chests were usually at extremely well-hidden areas, and weren't easy to find at all. Most chests were guarded by a powerful beast; the stronger the monster, the map was more dangerous, and the chest was naturally more valuable.

As for items in chests, there was nothing clear on the forums. Maybe weapons, maybe armor, maybe jewelry, maybe skill books, maybe potions, maybe scrolls, maybe quest items, maybe coins, maybe treasure maps.... The possibilities were endless. There were many players who vented that they ran off to some crazy place, went through all difficulties and hardships, and didn't even see a sliver of treasure. For that many players to not run into a single chest signified just how valuable it was.

Chu Rui never imagined that he would run into the legendary treasure chest here. On the high tree branches that were thick as logs, with tens of Feng Hawks and a mighty boss, even a whole army wouldn't be able to get the treasure chest. After all, the branch was only slightly larger than the others, anyone would fall down after losing their balance. If one wasn't extremely powerful, no one would ever succeed in charging over and breaking the chest

open.